

**TENNESSEE BOARD LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNCELORS, MARITAL  
AND FAMILY THERAPIST AND CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPIST  
MINUTES**

**Date:** February 17, 2006

**Time:** 8:00 A.M., CST

**Location:** Cumberland Room  
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
Nashville, TN 37247

**Members**

**Present:** Stuart Bonnington, L.M.F.T., Chair  
Murphy Martin, L.P.C., Secretary/Treasurer  
Janet Scott, L.P.C.  
Dan Hammer, L.M.F.T.

**Staff**

**Present:** Sherry Owens, Board Administrator  
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney  
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director  
Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator

Dr. Bonnington called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

**Review Minutes**

Upon review, Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve the minutes as written.

**Conflict of Interest**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the conflict of interest policy asking the board to disclose conflicts of interest in a matter brought before them to determine if the member should recuse him/herself and leave the meeting room.

**OGC Report**

Ms. Armstrong said the rules pertaining to criminal background checks, licensure qualifications for MFT's and advertising, titles and screening panels are in the Attorney General's office for review. Ms. Armstrong said there is one (1) case in OGC pertaining to the board.

### **Investigative Report**

Ms. Armstrong stated one (1) complaint against a licensed professional counselor was carried over from 2004 and four (4) complaints were received in 2005. Ms. Armstrong said two (2) complaints were closed with no action, one (1) closed with a letter of warning, one (1) closed with a letter of concern and one (1) referred to the Office of General Counsel.

Ms. Armstrong stated three (3) complaints against family and marital therapists were received in 2005 and are still in OGC being reviewed.

Ms. Armstrong stated one (1) complaint against a clinical pastoral therapist was received in 2005 and has been closed with no action.

### **Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Owens said one practitioner is on probation which expires November 18, 2007 and must appear before the board with an order of compliance.

### **Financial Report**

Ms. Owens stated the board has a cumulative carryover at June 30, 2005 totaling \$150,714.

### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Owens reviewed the administrative report giving a month to month total for the number of active, retired and failed to renew licensees for licensed professional counselors, family and marital therapists and clinical pastoral therapists.

Ms. Owens said the move is still being finalized and the current plans are to move in May.

### **Report from Jerry Kosten**

Mr. Kosten stated a rulemaking hearing was conducted February 6, 2006 for Rule 0450-3-.08 pertaining to the clinical pastoral therapist examination. Mr. Kosten said the board will accept alternative examinations from the Marital and Family Therapy Examination, the National Counselor Examination, the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling, the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and the Association of Social Work Board examination.

Upon review, Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to adopt the rules as amended. A roll call vote was conducted and all members voted in the affirmative.

The board discussed amendments to Rule 0450-1-.06, to make the temporary license fee refundable; Rule 0450-1-.10, to lower the number of years a supervisor must be licensed from five (5) to three (3) years; Rule 0450-1-.12, to require continuing education in ethics and jurisprudence for new licensees; Rule 0450-1-.15, to allow one board member to grant reconsiderations or stays in contested cases; and, Rule 0450-1-.04, regarding qualifications for licensure as a clinical pastoral therapist.

Upon discussion, Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Murphy, to approve the amendments as written. The motion carried.

### **Ratify Oral Exam Results**

Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Murphy, to ratify the following candidates who passed the oral examination:

#### **LPC/MSHP**

**Marlena Barber**  
**Anthony Fuller**

#### **LMFT**

**Joseph Valletti**  
**Brandon Arbuckle**  
**Angela Mathew**  
**Charles Bellafant**  
**Shannon Warden**  
**Sharon Davern**

The motion carried.

### **Ratify newly licensed LPC's, MFT's and CPT's**

Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to approve the following lists of newly licensed LPC's, LMFT, and CPT's:

#### **LPC**

**Shannon Aldridge-Smith**  
**Christopher L. Allen**  
**Rainey S. Brown**  
**Dianne Capers**  
**Stephanie Dean**  
**Sue Frazier-Bear**  
**Coleman Jeff Helton**  
**Khawunnissa Jooma**

**Robyn Kilgore  
Dowdy Layne  
Melodie Miller  
Tara Lynn Harris Murphy  
Robin L. Terry  
Norman A. Young**

LMFT

**Diane E. Lester  
Carolyn Sue Rose**

CPT

**Richard G. Bruehl  
Steven D. Gillespie  
Peter G. Keese  
Joseph A. Kemper**

The motion carried.

**Review Marital and Family Therapist contracts with the Professional Examination Services (PES)**

The board reviewed the no-cost contract with PES to authorize Prometric, Inc. through its network of Prometric Technology Centers to administer and score the Marital and Family Therapists examination prepared by the American Association of Marital and Family Therapy.

**Correspondence**

The board reviewed a letter from Richard Cloyd, Licensed Professional Counselor applicant, requesting a waiver of the sixty (60) graduate semester hours from an institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Counsel for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Program, or a comparable accrediting body.

Ms. Armstrong stated she would respond to Dr. Cloyd's letter as the board has no authority to waive the educational requirements.

Upon discussion of licensing foreign graduates, Ms. Armstrong offered to research how foreign graduates could obtain licensure in Tennessee.

**Agreed Order for Susan Taranto, LMFT**

Ms. Raney Irwin, Assistant General Counsel, and Laurie Doty, Deputy General Counsel, presented an Agreed Order to the board for Susan Taranto, LMFT. The order requires Dr. Taranto to be placed on probation for one (1) year during which time her practice is to be monitored by a licensed marital and family therapist approved by the board, submit quarterly reports to the board signed by the approved supervisor, submit acceptable proof of six (6) hours of continuing education in professional ethics and six (6) hours in patient records management for a total of twelve (12) hours in addition to the standard continuing education requirements, pay all costs and appear before the board to seek the lifting of probation by submitting an order of compliance and showing compliance with all conditions of the order.

Upon review of the agreed order, Dr. Hammer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Scott, to accept the terms of the order as stipulated. The motion carried.

With no other board business to conduct, Dr. Scott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of LPC, LMFT and LCPT on May 19, 2006